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Vanaspathi mills.

* 175 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of vanaspathi mills in the Province and where they are located;

(*b*) their total annual output;

(*c*) the quantity imported into our Province from other Provinces;

(*d*) the quantity exported from our Province to other Provinces; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to grant licences for starting new vanaspathi factories in the Province?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" (*a*) Two. One at Madras and the other at Mettur Dam.

" (*b*) 5,400 tons.

" (*c*) About 2,400 tons per annum.

" (*d*) About 600 tons per annum.

"(*e*) The Government have already permitted the starting of nine new vanaspathi factories of a total production capacity of 45,000 tons per annum in this Province. They do not propose to permit further new factories pending the result of the investigation undertaken by the Government of India on the nutritive value of vanaspathi."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, whether in the proposed nine new Vanaspathi factories, the Government Factory at Calicut is included?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" I think it is not included."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know if there is any proposal to colour the products of these factories in order that they may not be used for adulterating ghee?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" I would like to have notice of this question."

The Government Labour Officer at Walparai.

* 176 *Q.*—SRI P. R. K. SARMA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is a Welfare or Labour Officer of the Government at Walparai and who he is, and how long he has been there?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" No, Sir. The headquarters of the Labour Officer for the plantations in Coimbatore, Salem and Madura districts is Pollachi. The post is yet unfilled."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, why there has been such a delay in posting the officer when the post was actually sanctioned?"

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I understand that one gentleman was posted to that place, but he did not join duty and then the matter was reported to the Government by the Commissioner of Labour in September 1947. Steps are being taken to post somebody to that place."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, is not the period from September to December sufficiently long to keep a post vacant? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The question of selecting a person for this post by the Madras Public Service Commission is being considered."

Post-war education schemes.

* 177 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the Post-war education schemes formulated by the Post-War Reconstruction Committee and approved by the Government are;

(*b*) what the amount allocated to each of the schemes is;

(*c*) whether the programme laid down for post-war development of education has been altered, and if so, in what way;

(*d*) whether provision of midday meals for school children and the improvement of the status and emoluments of the teachers occupied high priorities; and

(*e*) what the present list of priorities is?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Details of the scheme approved by Government are given below :—

Number of the scheme in the pamphlet.	*Name of scheme.*	*Cost for five years period.* Recurring.	Non-recurring.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		RS. LAKHS.	RS. LAKHS.
34	Training of teachers	60	—
35	Technical education	18	50
36	Training of physical instructors ..	5·65	..
87	Revision of salaries of teachers ..	894·35	..
88	Compulsory elementary education	660	40
89	Supply of midday meals .. —	1,250	29
90	Medical inspection of schools ..	60	—
		2,948	119